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The Problem On The Plane

After safely stowing my little camera bag in the overhead bin, I squeezed in beside Daren Lindley. It was 2012 and we were traveling home from Alaska, having just finished shooting some video to help promote his organization, the Great Commission Project.

“Daren,” I said sheepishly, “someone just asked me what I do for a living. I didn’t know what to say.”

Without hesitation, Daren replied, “Tell them you’re a documentary filmmaker.”

But how could I do that? Daren is a man of great, bold faith. If God calls you to something, it’s settled. That’s what you are. Walk in faith! But I’m not Daren. I’m me. And I felt like an imposter. A poser. A fake.

Documentary Filmmaker? I hadn’t produced a single documentary!

But that was my calling. It was God’s plan. I was sure of that part. And I was absolutely passionate about the vision that God had given Lynn and I. I knew – *theoretically* – that if we could tell in-depth missionary stories in a way that moved people’s hearts, those missionaries would experience new levels of prayer, financial support and other results.

“If...” Theoretically. That was the problem I was dealing with on that plane trip five years ago. We started Creative Impact based on the conviction that documentary films could bless missionaries, bless the people who partner with them and glorify God.

But could we pull it off?

Theoretically speaking... Of course we could!

Five Years Later

Some of our earliest partners joined us even before that conversation took place. They, too, were visionaries who saw the need and trusted us to do something about it. We are so grateful to them and to all who have joined us since then.

And so are the missionaries who have now *confirmed* that our films really do produce results. It’s no longer theoretical. By God’s grace and the gifts and prayers of our partners it is actual.

In fact, the results are so strong that we are now completely booked with work for the rest of 2017 and are now working on our 2018 schedule. We believe that God wants to add to the team so we can double our capacity to serve missionaries.

Look What We (you & CIM) Have Done!

In past updates, we reported on the amazing results from Bangladesh and Mexico. Check the back of this page to see some results we just received from Central America.



Daren Lindley, Great Commission Project
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A well-crafted story can move hearts for missions.



Josiah, Cynthia, Ian & Joel Hubbard, Missionaries

The Hubbard Family serve those who live in the remote mountainous jungle in Costa Rica. The documentary we produced for them is titled, *Of the People* (33:49) and can be found on our website. Here's what they have seen following after the release their film in the summer of 2015:

- Everyone – even those who have visited the Hubbards in the past – report a new level of understanding and passion for their mission.
- They have “more than doubled” their total monthly support from churches and individuals.
- Some churches have not only doubled their financial support, but they are sending “care packages” and several teams of workers. One congregation is even starting a Business As Mission project in partnership with the Hubbard mission.
- The film has extended the reach of the Hubbards. A church with which they had never connected found and watched the film. They contacted them and are sending a team this year.
- A District Missions Representative shared *Of The People* with all the churches in her district. Now all the youth camps in their home district will be using the film as a part of an effort to raise funds so the Hubbards can do a summer camp for youth in Costa Rica.
- The director of the “Study Abroad” program at a Bible college visited Josiah and Cynthia to explore sending students to them. Before meeting them in person, she said she felt like she already knew them. She told them, “I saw the video and I knew I could trust you with my students.” (She also said, “I cried through the second half of the story.”)
- A student at the same Bible college is using the documentary to help him raise funds to join the Hubbards as a summer missionary intern. It is also being used at the college to recruit teams for short-term missions with the Hubbards. This Spring, the third group of college students and faculty will be making the trip.

Follow Us In 2017

We are in the final stages of planning for our projects in **Thailand** and **Poland**. We will soon start pre-production on at least **three projects** for church planting missionaries **along the Amazon in Brazil**.

We invite you to stand by for some short videos every so often about our journeys. These may be simple iPhone productions; not very cinematic maybe, but useful to help you to follow and pray for us.

As always, we would love to hear from you by phone or email.

Every blessing in Christ,

Jim Adams (for Lynn, Andy & Rebekah too!)

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